

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

1

Application Number

10/642,359

Filing Date

August 15, 2003

First Named Inventor

John W. Countz

Art Unit

3721

Examiner Name

S. Tawfik

Attorney Docket Number

14598.01

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| *Examiner Initials | Cite No. | DOCUMENT NUMBER<br>Number - Kind Code (if known) | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant Passages<br>or Relevant Figures Appear |
|--------------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
|                    |          | US-  |                                |  |   |
|                    |          | US-  |                                |  |   |

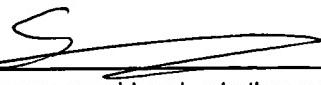
## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| *Examiner Initials | Cite No. | FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT |                               | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant Passages<br>or Relevant Figures<br>Appear | TRANSLATION              |                          |
|--------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                    |          | Country Code:           | Number - Kind Code (if known) |                                |  |  | YES                      | NO                       |
| ST                 |          | DE                      | 295 00 637.4                  | 02/23/1995                     | Hans Helmut Heymann                                |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                    |          |                         |                               |                                |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                    |          |                         |                               |                                |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                    |          |                         |                               |                                |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                    |          |                         |                               |                                |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                    |          |                         |                               |                                |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                    |          |                         |                               |                                |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                    |          |                         |                               |                                |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                    |          |                         |                               |                                |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## OTHER DOCUMENTS - NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

| *Examiner Initials | Cite No. | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published | TRANSLATION                                       |
|--------------------|----------|--|---|
|                    |          |  | YES      NO                                       |
| ST                 |          | Copy of Notification of Transmittal of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (8pgs)  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                    |          |  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

EXAMINER SIGNATURE



DATE CONSIDERED

5/6/05

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.